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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Satellite-Borne Earth Sensing
Activities

REFERENCES: (1) DOD Directive TS 5105.23
(2) NRO Directive T [redacted]

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This memorandum replaces TOP SECRET [redacted] memorandum, [redacted] from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to the Service Secretaries, "Department of Defense Needs for Earth Sensing from Satellites," dated August 30, 1965.

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To insure that all Department of Defense efforts involving the use of satellite-borne earth sensors are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the referenced directives, all agencies must deal with the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on all such activity. "Activity" is defined to include feasibility studies, potential application studies, developments, tests, uses, plans for symposia and conferences, and papers and presentations on this subject area. The NRO will refer specific requirements for collection to the DIA for submission to the United States Intelligence Board.

In addition the National Reconnaissance Office is designated as the DOD point of contact with NASA, as well as with other government agencies, with regard to satellite-borne earth sensing matters. Any DOD participation in NASA earth sensing activities will be conducted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (2).

Since the security level of this memorandum restricts its disclosure, I have attached a paraphrased version which may be used for limited distribution within each department.

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To insure that all Department of Defense efforts involving the use of satellite-borne earth sensors are carried out in accordance with existing DOD policies, I am requiring all such activity to be directed to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for review and approval. "Activity" is defined to include feasibility studies, potential application studies, developments, tests, uses, plans for symposia and conferences, and papers and presentations on this subject area.

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